

were reported out of committee during the lameduck, but all five were returned to the White House. That is the raw data.

The data confirms that since 2002, with only two exceptions for special circumstances, no judges have been reported out and confirmed during the lameduck session. The reason is simple. It gives our newly elected Senators the opportunity to have their voices heard, and that is what this is all about. That is the reason the judicial nominees, which are lifetime appointments, are typically returned to the President if they come out of committee during a lameduck session. It gives the new Members an opportunity to have their voices heard.

I am raising this objection today, although I know we are going to proceed, to protect the prerogatives of newly elected Members. Frankly, I am disappointed that the Members are not willing to stand up and protect those rights and prerogatives. I believe I have a pretty good reputation for working across the aisle on a lot of issues, and I expect that somebody would realize that next year these people would get a fair hearing just as they did before they were reported out of committee.

I yield the floor.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF JORGE LUIS ALONSO TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1070.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jorge Luis Alonso, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. There is a cloture motion at the desk, and I ask that it be reported.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move

to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Jorge Luis Alonso, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Brian Schatz, Debbie Stabenow, Michael F. Bennet, Jeff Merkley, Patty Murray, Barbara Boxer, Christopher Murphy, Edward J. Markey, Al Franken, Tom Harkin, Sheldon Whitehouse.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF HAYWOOD STIRLING GILLIAM, JR., TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1071.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is a cloture motion at the desk that I ask to be reported.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Brian Schatz, Debbie Stabenow, Michael F. Bennet, Jeff Merkley, Patty Murray, Barbara Boxer, Christopher Murphy, Edward J. Markey, Al Franken, Tom Harkin, Sheldon Whitehouse.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF AMIT PRIYAVADAN MEHTA TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1072.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Amit Priyavadan Mehta, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I ask that the cloture motion, which is at the desk, be reported.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Amit Priyavadan Mehta, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Christopher A. Coons, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Richard Blumenthal, Brian Schatz, Debbie Stabenow, Michael F. Bennet, Jeff Merkley, Patty Murray, Barbara Boxer, Christopher Murphy, Edward J. Markey, Al Franken, Tom Harkin, Sheldon Whitehouse.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF ALLISON DALE BURROUGHS TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. REID. I now move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 1073.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Allison Dale Burroughs, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. There is a cloture motion at the desk.